IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

THOMAS JESSE WARD,)
Petitioner,)
) Case No. CIV 23-146-JFH-GLJ
V.)
DAVID BUSS, WARDEN,)
Respondent.	,)

MOTION TO WITHDRAW

COMES NOW Emily Scholtes hereby moves to withdraw as counsel of record on behalf of Thomas Jesse Ward, Petitioner, in the above referenced case. Ms. Scholtes is leaving the firm of Sidley Austin LLP on June 4, 2024. John Levi, Robert Hochman, David Hoffman, Matthew Binder and William Lawrence of Sidley Austin LLP have already entered an appearance on behalf of Petitioner and will continue to represent Mr. Ward along with additional counsel who have entered appearances on behalf of Mr. Ward.

WHEREFORE, Emily Scholtes respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order granting her withdrawal as counsel for Petitioner, Thomas Jesse Ward, in this matter.

Dated: June 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 3, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system. Based on the records currently on file, the Clerk of the Court will transmit a Notice of Electronic Filing to the ECF recipients on file.

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